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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Heather Lynn DAVIS et al.  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned  
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Filed: Herewith  
For: NUCLEOTIDE VECTOR, COMPOSITION CONTAINING SUCH  
VECTOR AND VACCINE FOR IMMUNIZATION AGAINST  
HEPATITIS  
Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Art Unit: 1632

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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, prior to calculation of the fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this amendment.